

Milford Recreation Commission
April 10th, 2013

Attendees:

Walter Smith
Rick Mossey
Joan Dargie

Claudia Lemaire
Heather Romeri

Nicole Banks
Tim Finan

Scott Hembrow
Rick King

Minutes:

Rick Mossey makes a motion to approve the March minutes as amended, Heather seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Janet Langdell- She has come to brief the commission on the 45th annual rotary swim meet. The Rotarians are looking for a fee waiver to use Keyes and Keyes pool for the event. Last year the expenses for the meet totaled 1500+ dollars, so the commission is a sponsor for the event and the costs come directly out of the revolving fund. Joan Dargie who was not present for this discussion wanted the commission to be aware of the costs associated with sponsoring the meet. Janet reports that it is a group expense and an effort by both the rotary and recreation department/commission.

Claudia makes a motion to waive the fee for the 45th annual rotary swim meet in the amount of \$1850.00 to be taken from the revolving fund, Heather seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Stephanie Zubricki- She is the program coordinator for the recreation department in Milford. She has come to update the commission on some of the new/ and past programs offered this spring and summer to the public. Some of the courses are a babysitting course, a toddler youth soccer program, and the biggest loser. Equilibrium (a fitness center in Milford) has also volunteered to work with the biggest loser program offering other fitness classes.

The summer recreation guide is being finalized. The pool programs, fees and camps will be included in the guide. We are hoping that the guide will be out by the 1st week of May.

Rick King points out that the high school also offers sports camps. Stephanie has reached out to the school making sure that the camp schedules do not conflict with one another. Stephanie updates the commission on some of the senior programs that have been successful over the past couple of months. Overall participation for this quarter in programs is over 612 people, a thirty six percent increase from last year.

Dan Ayotte and Justin Wisbey- Dan is the soccer director for MCAA and Justin is also involved in MCAA. They have come before the commission to present a power point presentation on the Brox property. This property can potentially be developed for town sports usage. The presentation is based on a need for more field space in town. The presentation shows current population, growth trends, outlines of the current playable fields in town, and participation of children in MCAA sports. The presentation also included how much time children are playing on the various fields in town and how many of the fields are being used at maximum capacity.

There are several risk factors that can impact the playing fields in town. Keyes becoming part of a superfund site, Osgood pond dredging, and closures due to poor field quality (due to mainly over usage are some of the reasons).

MCAA would like to implement a \$10 field usage fee to all registrants. This fee would directly be used to improve fields and purchase new field space.

Discussion Items:

Concession service agreement with the MHS Music Department for 2013 is ready for signatures from the commission. Commission members sign off on the contract.

Southern NH Expo- This will be on Sat. April 13th from 10-5. Walter Smith among others will be volunteering for the event.

Shepard Park Ice Rink – The rink will be taken down at 10:30AM on Sat. April 13th, followed by a volunteer BBQ.

Last month Jerry Guthrie presented a budget to the commission to complete a patio/pergola at Keyes Field. Last month the commission agreed to contribute \$1300 to purchase materials so the project can begin. The commission will recoup the money if fundraising efforts through brick sales are successful. Nicole has a budget transfer form for the \$1300 dollars to come out of the revolving fund to pay for the materials used to build a pergola at Keyes Field. Members have signed and dated the form and agreed last month to give the money.

New Business:

Liz Craighead has been in discussion with Nicole about the conditions of Adams Field. Adams field has had significant worn spots due to football practice last fall. More discussion is needed regarding this field and field fees from future football.

Walter Smith has been attending the MCAA meetings to keep communication open between DPW, MCAA and Recreation.

Scott would love a pad for telescope viewing on mile slip road; Joan says it would make a great Boy Scout project. More discussion will be forthcoming on this request if warranted.

Walter makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire
Secretary Recreation Commission